

2nd Technical Working Group on Dendrobium TG, Busan, Korea 3-6 Feb 2015

Country Report

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Updates on National Legislation

Amendments to the Plant Variety Protection (PVP) Act and Rules that took effect on 30 July 2014 .

Key Amendments to the Act:

- extend the application of the PVP Act to *all* genera and species ;
- enable the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) as Registrar of Plant Varieties to engage the services of examination authorities from other countries to examine applications of new plant varieties.



Technical Cooperation Activities in 2014

- 1) Training for DUS Growing Trial for PVP
24-28 Feb 2014 , Tsukuba, Japan
- 2) 1st Technical Working Group on Dendrobium TG
25-27 Feb 2014, Hanoi, Vietnam
- 3) Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)
PVP & DUS testing course, 24 Jun-4 Jul 2014 , Seoul, Korea
- 4) 7th East Asia Plant Variety Forum (EAPVF)
6-8 Aug 2014, Vientiane, LAO PDR

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- AVA attended DUS training in Tsukuba, Japan
- The training was organised by NCSS with participation from Singapore & Malaysia
- The training gave an overview of the introduction of DUS principles and practical Phalaenopsis DUS assessment.



1st Technical Working Group on Dendrobium TG, 25-27 Feb 2014, Hanoi, Vietnam



- Funded by Japan under the umbrella of the East Asia Plant Variety Protection (EAPVP)
- Lead by Singapore with Vietnam as host
- Addressed issues on Orchid morphology & terminology
- Revision of Dendrobium TG with inputs from participants
- Continue 2nd meeting with Korea as host in 2015

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Hosted by Department of Agriculture of LAO PDR with the financial support by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan.



Activities & Action Plan

- Increase awareness of PVP regime amongst breeders, related industries and IP agents.
 - The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore held a PVP Seminar for key stakeholders on 23 July 2014 to update on the upcoming legislative changes (effective 30 July 2014).
- Cooperation with other PV Offices to assist with technical examination.
- Securing of Examiners to perform technical examination.

Note: Singapore had received 2 PVP applications for *Jatropha* in 2014.

Thank You

